

Don't Be A Tightwad- Join The March Of Dimes

By RICHARD HARRIS

Many organizations and individuals in the Houston area are going all out for the March of Dimes polio fund drive. How about you?

One of the organizations which is helping a good deal is the T.A.P. (Teens Against Polio). This organization of high school students has been collecting contributions in the downtown area and at different shopping centers around the city from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. each day, but without contributions this and other March of Dimes organizations can do no good.

You should realize, as the T.A.P. members and the other March of Dimes workers certainly do, that we are very close to the key to the eradication of polio, which is one of the major diseases at the time. You should also realize that it is going to take money to complete the development and production of this vaccine and to help those who have already been stricken by this disease continue their battle against polio. To help others realize this the Harris County T.A.P., under the chairmanship of Dayna Strother, is planning an all-city, all night marathon which will be broadcast over all radio stations from early on the night of January 22 until 7:00 A.M. the next morning. This should give you an idea of the importance placed on this drive and the tremendous amount of work being put into it.

Besides the great work being done by others, something else should guide your thoughts as you compute the size of your contribution. This is the fact that Pershing has never done very well in charity drives, especially considering or large enrollment and the fact that most of us have little to worry about as far as money is concerned. This hasn't made Pershing any more popular with other schools. This should make it a personal challenge to each and every one of us, a challenge to prove to others that we are not the sort that should be described by a noun such as "tightwad" when it comes to charity contributions.

We don't expect you to miss that dance you have been thinking about for the drive, but when you start giving up that extra candy at lunch time and those sodas after school your contribution money really adds up. At any rate you should be able to spare a sizable contribution. And remember: your contribution is the one that counts.

LEGION AWARDS—

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for himself at Pershing, too. He came to Pershing from West University Elementary School and plans to attend San Jacinto and the new Bellaire High later. Steve has been described by his teachers as a fine, all-around student. He is now president of his homeroom, been vice-president twice, and has held and been nominated for several other offices during his stay at Pershing.

Steve has been very active in sports at Pershing and has lettered in football, basketball, and softball during the school year of 1953-54. So far this year he has lettered in football and is one of the top three high scorers on the basketball "A" team. In addition to athletics Steve was active in the Hi-Y last year.

He lives at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lonnie Thomas, and a younger brother at 6438 Vanderbilt. He has two older brothers—one a Rice graduate and now an Ensign in the Navy and the other is now a junior at Rice.

The runners-up for the American Legion Awards were Norma Adams and James Dunnaway. The other candidates were: Lynn Collins, Andrea Mercer, Judi King, Ben Jones, Billy Comisky, and Billy Cash.

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BOOK CLUB—

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Later they go "Captain Courageous," and "Treasure Island," and "Little Women." The "Great Hound" was almost an instant hit, so was "Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes."

This year the students have one hundred and sixty-two titles to choose from.

In Pershing, Mr. Skinner's social studies classes have organized a lending library, who have access to a number of good books, of which they are taking advantage.

Ed Hunt stated that at present this club is only accessible to Mr. Skinner's social studies classes, but as the club accumulates more books, he hopes that the entire school can participate in this "Teen Age Book Club."

NEW SEVENTH GRADE—

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Allen, Karen Anderson, Miriam Bower, Joyce Turner, Martha Hooper, Joan Soehnlein, Nancy La Motte, Mary Jane Moon, Dale Brown, Diane Brown, Ronda Burrage, Warren Dillard and Elizabeth White.

Tuesday, January 4th, the H-6 teachers from these elementary schools visited Pershing. A copy of the orientation booklet, a map of the school and a directory were given to the teachers.

SPORT DANCE—

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The cafeteria was decorated with red and white crepe paper, our school colors. Louise Wright, Jane Yodu, Jim Crowe, Barbara Mangum, Norma Adams, and Elaine Antill worked on a committee for this purpose.

A coat check was also provided with the help of Donna Baines, Lee Lillie, Peg Wright, and two of the mothers, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Yoder.

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Panda Club Album



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Unscramble the letters and guess his name.

MUNY TIMMIN

Emily Hamrick was featured in last issue's Panda Club Album. Emily, a member of Mrs. Long's low nine homeroom, is the president of the Library Club, chairman in one of her classes, gym class leader, and alternate Student Council representative. Dark brown eyes and light brown hair tops a 5' 4" figure weighing, well, never mind! Lamar seems to be the next school where she will attend and make friends as quickly and easily as she has done here at Pershing.

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Chatter Has Winner, New Questions For Ad Contest

Janette Tomlinson was the brain who won our ad contest and silver dollar last issue. The Chatter is sponsoring another ad contest this issue. Please turn your paper in, between 8:10 and the end of the second period Monday, to Miss Sims.

- How many ads are in the paper this time?
- What are the hours of the Bellaire shoe repair shop?
- Who advertises a special spring price, ½ for former pupils?
- Who sells athletic equipment, trophies, and pennants?
- What business is located at 5505 Richmond Rd. and what does it teach?
- What filling stations advertise this time and where are they located?
- Whose phone number is MO 54148 and what does he sell?
- What business sets diamonds and repairs watches and jewelry?
- What store sells discs and chains?
- Whose phone number is LI-2701, what is the product sold and what does she sell for birthday gifts?
- When are the daily sessions of the business on McGowan at Hutchins and what is the name of the business?
- What business is located at 2476 Times Boulevard at Kelvin?
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4003 Kirby Drive and when is it open?

14. What store is located at 2512 Rice Boulevard?

15. What store is next to the Bellaire Theatre?

16. What business has the name of a tree in it?

17. What store will give you a 10% discount on any purchase during January if you bring in the ad from this paper?

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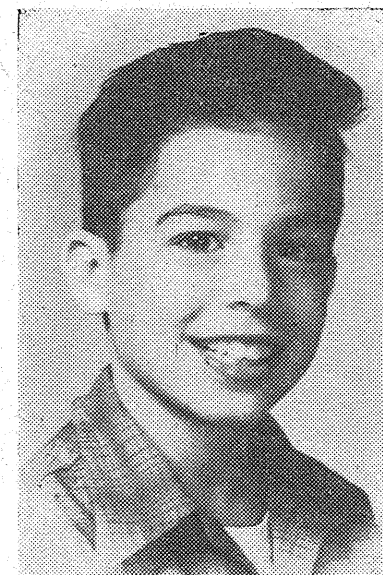
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PANDA PERSONALITIES



STANLEY KAUFMAN

This month's seventh grade Panda Personality is Stanley Kaufman of Mrs. Lewis' homeroom.

Although he is small, he is great at baseball. This past summer Stanley played for the Little League team which was sponsored by the Campus Cleaners.

He is chairman of his English class, vice-president of his club and is team captain in his gym class.

Stanley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kaufman of 3134 Castlewood. After high school Stanley plans to go to Rice. However, he has not decided, yet, just what he wants to take up as his profession.

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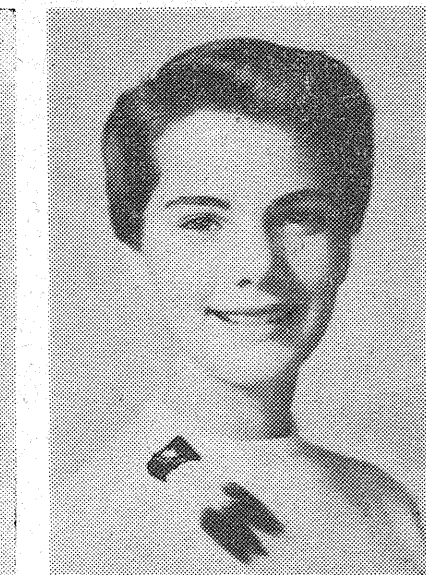
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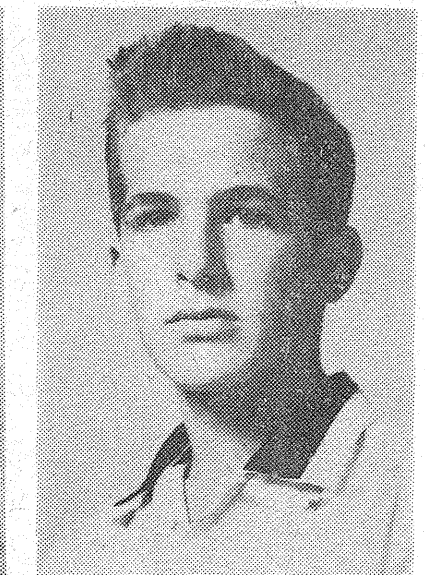
The eighth grade Panda Personality for this month, Marilu Ellis, is well known by students around Pershing, by sight if not by name. Marilu stands five feet, five and one-half inches tall and weighs 100 pounds. She has green eyes and light brown hair.

As a member of Mrs. Trice's homeroom, she has earned many honors. She is a scholarship student and has been elected president of her homeroom. In gym she has been team captain twice and the gym leader once. She was her homeroom's candidate for Sweetheart and was her club's choice for Snowflake Queen.

With all these honors it seems rather natural that her favorite subject is math.

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MIKE MCCOY

The ninth grade Panda Personality for this month is Mike McCoy of Miss Moreland's homeroom.

Mike seems to have earned his new title by being very well represented throughout Pershing. Mainly, he has played on the football "A" team and held several offices in his homeroom and classes. Other than being an excellent student, Mike seems to be slanted athletically and claims gym and Mr. Reitz as his favorite class and teacher.

Bellaire High School and, if I can make it, Rice are Mike's desires and future educational plans. He lives at home with his parents and brother at 4035 Grennoch.

How Is Your Set?

Recently, while Mrs. Branner's Spanish class was reading a story in Spanish, Mrs. Branner asked, "What picture do you get on your television screen? (meaning what do you think about!)" She called on Dennis Sheehan. He replied, "I'm having cable trouble."

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High Ninth Elects Most Popular, Representative

The four graduating high nine homerooms selected, in elections held late last week, Patti Oliver, Lee Raesener, Norma Adams, and Jim Crowe to carry the last honor titles of their class in Pershing Junior High School.

Patti Oliver and Lee Raesener were chosen to hold the titles of Most Representative Girl and Boy. Patti is a member of Mrs. Nelson's homeroom and has been one of the very popular girls around Pershing for the past three years. She has always been a good student and is highly praised by all her friends and teachers. She is often elected to run for various honors.

Through the years that Patti has been at Pershing, she has received five scholarships and is working hard on the sixth. Patti is now the News Editor of the Chatter, and she also writes the "Prattle." She has been team captain twice, along with several homeroom and class offices.

The runner-up for Most Representative Girl was Norma Adams. The boy voted Most Representative of all the H-9 boys was Lee Raesener, also of Mrs. Nelson's homeroom. Lee has lettered in softball and last year he made the all-city basketball "B" team. He was a star pitcher in his teen-age baseball league and this year he lettered in football for his work as quarterback on our team.

Lee lives in Southside Place and plans to attend Lamar. Among other honors he holds, he is president of the High Nine Class and secretary of his homeroom. He is past president of his homeroom and

before he started playing football, he was a member of the band. The boy who was runner-up for Most Representative was Ben Jones of Mr. Brand's homeroom. Jim Crowe and Norma Adams were picked as the Most Popular Boy and Girl. Jim is in Mrs. High's homeroom. During his stay at Pershing he has been one of the most widely known boys in school. He lettered in football last year and this year he is in the Varsity Club.

Before coming to Pershing, Jim attended Condit Elementary School and plans to attend Bellaire High School when he leaves Pershing. He has held several offices in his homeroom and classes. Jim lives at home with his parents and a sister in Bellaire.

Lee Raesener was runner-up for the Most Popular Boy.

The girl elected Most Popular in the high nine class was one who has earned the title . . . Norma Adams, of Mrs. High's homeroom. She is one of our cheerleaders, as well as being voted the most popular girl in her class.

Her honors are many. She was elected Snowflake Queen in 1953 and was in the May Fete. Norma was publicity director of "Far Away Places" and is now in the Pershing Booster Club. She went to West University Elementary School and intends to attend Lamar High School.

The runner-up for the Most Popular Girl was Peg Wright.

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